

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 6, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

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Collagen has a structure in which three polypeptide chains form a long triple helix. It is well known that three chemically synthesized peptides having a collagen-like sequence are self-assembling to form the same triple helix structure as collagen, and such structures are used in studies of the structure of natural collagen. Collagen-like polypeptide known in the art include, for example, a polypeptide composed of a repeating unit comprising a peptide unit: $[-(\text{Pro-Y-Gly})_n]_a$ (wherein Y represents Pro or Hyp and n represents an integer of 1 to 20) and a peptide unit, $[-(\text{Z})r]_b$ (wherein Z represents a peptide chain composed of 1 to 10 amino acid residues and r represents an integer of 1 to 20)(JP-A-2003-321500). Known supramolecules composed of a collagen-like peptide sequence include, for example, a collagen triblock peptide of Martin et al.: $(\text{Glu})_5(\text{Gly-X-Hyp-Gly-Pro-Hyp})_6(\text{Glu})_5$ (**SEQ ID NO: 7**) (Martin, R. et al., Biopolymers 70, 435-444, 2003) and a "peptide-amphiphile" of Fields (Fields, GB, Bioorg. Med. Chem. 7, 75-81, 1999).

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